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1. MAY 10 TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL HAS PUBLISHED
ARTICLE ENTITLED "ELECTION MAY BLOCK MINISTERIAL
SPEECHES AT SEA CONFERENCE."

2. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, "THE DEFEAT OF THE
LIBERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE CALLING OF AN ELECTION FOR
JULY 8 MAY THROW A WRENCH INTO PLANS FOR CABINET-LEVEL
CANADIAN REPRESENTATION IN THE OPENING PHASES OF THE
CRUCIAL LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE...IN CARACAS...

"THERE WERE INDICATIONS YESTERDAY THAT IF THE (CANADIAN)
MINISTERS ARE SCHEDULED TO SPEAK MUCH BEYOND JUNE 29...
THEY WILL CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN CANADA, POSSIBLY GOING TO
VENEZUELA AFTER THE VOTE...

"WHETHER CANADA'S POSITION AT THE CONFERENCE
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WOULD BE AFFECTED SHOULD THE CONSERVATIVES FORM

THE NEW GOVERNMENT WAS BEING SPECULATED UPON IN
SOME GOVERNMENT CIRCLES.

"ONE SUGGESTION WAS THAT...THE CONSERVATIVES
WOULD BE AT LEAST AS TOUGH AS THE PRESENT LIBERAL
GOVERNMENT ON SUCH MATTERS AS OFFSHORE POLLUTION
CONTROLS AND GIVING A COASTAL STATE MANAGEMENT
RIGHTS OVER FISHERIES AND OTHER MARINE RESOURCES TO
A DISTANCE OF AT LEAST 200 MILES FROM ITS COASTLINE."
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